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## Republican Ticket!

For President:
WILLIAM H. TAFT,
OF OHIO.

For Vice President:
JAMES S. SHERMAN.
OF NEW YORK.

### THE WASTE BASKET

If some day the newspaper man should print the contents of his waste basket there would probably be a riot. There would certainly be trouble in many homes, arrests in some direction, shot guns in others, trouble all around. But the patron never sees the waste basket. He only glances at the printed pages, complains if one letter in fifty is upside down, growls his disappointment if one name in five hundred has happened to go wrong, kicks because his communication, signed "Tax Payer," has been condensed into respectable English, frowns because the editor didn't take his advice about publicly warning his neighbor against throwing more rubbish in the alley, and is generally disgruntled. He knows his share of the waste basket, but if he could have one look at the contributions made to that receptacle by his neighbors and friends, he would thank God for the existence of a man with sufficient intelligence and courage not to print all he knows, and to temper even that which he does print.

### MUST STUDY HIS LAND

Some say that rents are too high, that land values are too high, and that there is no money in farming. It is true to a certain extent that money is not piled up so rapidly by the agriculturist now as in the past, but there are good and sufficient reasons therefor. The day has gone byw hen the seed can be sown and the development of a bountiful crop left in a great measure to nature. The day has come, and sometime ago, that the farmer must study his land as does the merchant his stock of goods, as does the manufacturer his machinery. Our land here is rich and fertile, but it must be carefully looked after or shortly our farmers will abandon it as "killed out," when the fact will be that it is only tired of poor tilling. When our farmers look after their land—carefully studying its adaptation, weigh carefully their stock and feed and get the best possible results from the combination—then will land pay a high rate of interest on a value of $100 or even more per acre.

### ANOTHER STAR IN OUR FLAG

A new star came into the blue field of the American flag on the Fourth of July. It is a very interesting provision of an act of Congress in 1818 that: "On the admission of a new state into the Union one star shall be added to the flag of the Union and such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July next succeeding such admission." Oklahoma became a state in the Union November 16th, 1907, so since the Fourth inst. the star of Oklahoma has shone as the forty-sixth in the official flag of our country. This addition does not alter the order of the stars on our flag. It only adds one to the seven in the lower line. The forty-six stars therefore rest on a blue field in six rows, the first, third, fourth and sixth rows having eight stars, and the second and fifth rows seven stars each. In the first and original American flag there were thirteen stars and thirteen alternating stripes of red, white and blue to represent the original thirteen states.

### THE NOMINEES

Who will be the nominees on the Republican State ticket is the question which is agitating some of our contemporaires at the present time. The State Convention which meets on August 25th will answer that question, and in the meantime the different aspirants will have ample opportunity to secure as many delegates as possible. At the present writing the race is open to all and the outcome can not be predicted until after the primaries on August 22d.

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### WILL FURNISH FARM HANDS

The government employment agency, otherwise the information division of the immigration Bureau has sent to past masters 1,250,000 reply postal cards to be distributed by rural delivery carries to persons who need laborers. The reply card calls for the name and address and the kind of laborers wanted. On receipt of these applications blanks will be sent to the writers. Offices have been established at Ellis Island and Boston and government inspectors are instructed to exercise care in selecting immigrants for the places that are open. The government hopes not only to meet the demand for laborers from farmers and others in the interior of the congestion in the eastern cities and in the mining and factory regions. No fee, either from the employer or the immigrant, will be asked or allowed.

### POLITICAL GOSSIP OF WEEK

**Now Seems That Pennewill and Heald Will Head Republican Ticket**

REHOBOTH, DEL., August 1st.—There were important developments in the Republican situation of Delaware to-day when it was learned that State Chairman T. Coleman duPont, of Wilmington, who is also the Delaware member of the Republican National Committee, had announced that he will support ex-State Senator Simeon S. Pennewill, of Greenwood, and ex-Postmaster William H. Heald, of Wilmington, for Representative in Congress. As Senators Richardson and duPont are also supporting Messrs. Pennewill and Heald, as well as the State organization in general, their nomination at the State Convention, in Dover on August 25th, is a foregone conclusion. The primaries will be held throughout the State on August 22d. In addition to this development it has also been learned that Frank H. Davis, of Dover, will have the support of the Kent and Sussex counties delegates to the State Convention for Attorney General. As the delegates from these two counties comprise 82 of the 160 delegates throughout the State, the nomination of Mr. Davis is likewise assured. He is being supported by Senators Richardson and duPont. The State Chairman has not, as yet, taken a hand in the Attorney Generalship matter, but he will doubtless soon do and his support of Mr. Davis is anticipated primarily because of the latter's strength in lower Delaware.

With the carrying out of this slate, the other nominations to be made by the State Convention may be apportioned thus: State Treasurer to Sussex county; Insurance Commissioner, to New Castle County, and State Auditor of Accounts and Lieutenant Governor to Kent County. The three Presidential Electors to be nominated will, as usual, be chosen one from each county. No slate will be made for the electors. The leaders of the party have been giving their attention almost wholly to the nominations for Governor, Representative in Congress and Attorney General and nothing definite has therefore been decided upon as regards the other offices. It is stated, however, that ex-Congressman Walter O. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, may be nominated for Lieutenant Governor.

With the beginning of the next State administration there will be revision of the salaries of the officials. The pay of the Governor will be increased from $2000 a year to $4500. The office of Secretary of State, which has heretofore been worth about $12,000 a year on the fee system, will go on a salary basis, the stipulated emolument of this official, who is a personal appointee of the Governor, being $5,000 per annum. The other offices also pay well. The salary of the Attorney General is $2,500 a year, with the appointment of three Deputy Attorney Generals, one for each county, at a salary of $1,000 per year each. The last audit of the office of State Treasurer showed that it pays $5,100 a year to the incumbent. The office of Insurance Commissioner is worth $3,500 per annum; the State Auditor of Accounts receives $2,000 a year; and the Lieutenant Governor gets $300 a year. The prospective nominations of Messrs. Pennewill, Heald and Davis show that Governor Lea and Representative Burton will both fail in their efforts to be renominated. The development also indicates that Deputy Attorney General Hastings, who is an aspirant for the Attorney Generalship, will likewise be unsuccessful.

The recent selection of State Chairman duPont as a member of the executive committee of the Republican National Committee—the first time that Delaware has thus been honored—increases the importance of the situation. Because of this fact, Delaware will occupy a more conspicuous place in a national sense than ever before. The appointment of Mr. duPont to this inner circle also disproves a report that the national administration cast its lot with exSenator Allee and Dr. Layton, opponents of the Delaware Republican organization.

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### THE SEVEN TICKETS

There are now seven full fledged presidential tickets in the field. They are:

Republican—William H. Taft.
Democratic—William Jennings Bryan.
Peoples's Party—Thomas E. Watson.
Socialist—Eugene V. Debs.
Prohibition—Eugene W. Chafin.
Socialist Labor—Martin R. Preston.
Independent—Thomas L. Hisgen.

For these the people will vote, with little thought as to the men nominated for vice-President. As to the totals there will be some doubt, and the largest part of it rests in what the Independence League will be able to poll. It is the unknown quantity in the situation. Four years ago there were six parties and their total votes were:

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| Republican | 7,623,486 |
| Democratic | 5,077,971 |
| Prohibition | 258,536 |
| Socialist | 402,283 |
| People's | 117,173 |
| Socialist Labor | 31,240 |

In 1900 there were eight parties, but six of them polled less than 400,000 in the total vote. The only other time there were eight parties was in 1872, when Grant swept the country. Since 1872 there have always been smaller parties, but they never reached over a few hundred thousand votes altogether until 1904, when their total ran above 800,000.

### VIRGINIA LAWYER FOR TAFT

HOT SPRINGS, VA., August 5th.—Wyndham R. Meredith, of Richmond, Va., the president of the Virginia State Bar Association, and a prominent and lifelong Democrat, came out last night in an interview declaring that he would vote for Judge William H. Taft for president this fall against William J. Bryan.

"I have never voted for Mr. Byran, and I shall not vote for him this year," said Mr. Meredith. "There are two threatening dangers in the country. The one is plutocratic Cannonism and the other is radical Bryanism; therefore there is no Democratic ticket to vote. Judge Taft stands for the enforcement of the Roosevelt policies, most, if not all, of which have had the hearty approval of all thinking men in the South, as well as in every other section of the country, and he will enforce them within the law and not outside the constitutional government, as has been charged against the President by his enemies."

Mr. Meredith appeared rather enthusiastic over his announcement, though he declared that he did not expect to take an active part in the Republican campaign this fall.

### Political Cards

**For Coroner**
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
**CHAS. H. CRAWFORD**
OF WILMINGTON
Subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

**For Sheriff**
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
**Charles H. Lippincott**
OF WILMINGTON HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

**For Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer**
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
**ROBERT M. BURNS**
OF WILMINGTON HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republicua Party.

**For County Comptroller**
1908
**C. CANBY HOPKINS**
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

**For Coroner**
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1908
**James H. Callaway**
Subject to the decision of Republican Party.

**For County Comptroller**
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1908
**Philemma Chandler**
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

**For County Commissioner**
1908
of the Sixth District, comprising Pencader and St. Georges Hundreds,
**Warren O. Armstrong**
OF PENCADER HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

### POLITICS MOVING

With the general belief that Simeon S. Pennewill will be nominated as governor, and William H. Heald for Congress on the Republican ticket attention is being called to the nomination for attorney-general and with the positive declination of Robert G. Houston of Georgetown, not to be a candidate for that position, it is generally conceded that Daniel O. Hastings, the present deputy attorney-general will have a good chance to be the nominee.

Friends of Mr. Hastings stated Thursday that he would have an almost solid delegation from this county with a good majority in Sussex, but they acknowledge they will have strong fight in Kent, where Frank H. Davis is the candidate.

From now on the Hastings boomers will make a fight for the nomination and it is thought they will be successful. Mr. Hastings has proved himself eminently capable to hold the position, as he has been a good ally to Attorney-General Robert H. Richards.


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| Friday | 7 | Thursday 6 | 11.30 am |
| Monday | 10 | Saturday 8 | 12 noon |
| Wednes'y | 12 | Tuesday 11 | 5.00 pm |
| Friday | 14 | Thursday 13 | 5.00 pm |
| Monday | 17 | Saturday 15 | 6.00 pm |
| Wednes'y | 19 | Tuesday 18 | 11.00 am |
| Friday | 21 | Thursday 20 | 11.30 am |
| Monday | 24 | Saturday 22 | 12 noon |
| Wednes'y | 26 | Tuesday 25 | 1.30 pm |
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Men's Suits, at ..... **$15.00**
Hand tailored, with all the fit and style that's possible. They are equal to any made-to-order Suit at $20; our guarantee goes with every suit.

**Young Men's Suits**
All Sizes
Young Men's Suits, Any good judge would say cheap at $8.00. **$6 and $6.50**
Young Men's Suits, at..... **$8.00**
Made of good, reliable Cassimere and Cheviots. They are made in the latest style and best of workmanship. Would be cheap at $10.00
Young Men's Suits, at..... **$10**
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**Boys' and Children's Suits, age 5 to 16 Years**

Boys' Knee Pants Suits at **$1.50**
The price seems ridiculous, but every one of them are worth $2 to $2.50.

Boy's Cassimere Suits at **$2.50**
Also good, reliable Cheviots, with either plain or Knickerbocker pants and double breasted coats.

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# STEPHEN WEBSTER'S AFFAIRS

BY EDWARD NEWTON FLINT

Old Stephen Webster, sitting with his wife and young Stephen on the veranda of their farmhouse could see nearly five hundred acres of his strong, dense wheat stretching over the Minnesota plain in the July twilight. But the spectacle did not cheer the farmer.

I declare, he grumbled, I'm the most unfortunate man living! How we're going to harvest that grain I don't know.

The Lord will provide some way, Stephen! shrilled his haggard wife in his deaf ear.

That's what you said last spring, and I borrowed every cent I could rake and scrape and give security for, all to get that crop into the ground, seeing the last chance, after the bad year, was to risk all for a big crop. And the Lord hasn't provided. I was reckoning to put a second mortgage on the crop itself for the cost of saving it, but labor's going to be scarce, and the weather's uncertain, and the long and short of it is that not one of the money-lending blood-suckers in Sanford—I saw 'em all to-day—will let me have any more cash. And so we're ruined—that's all there is to it.

The Lord will provide! she repeated.

Perhaps her husband's mood had been a little mellowed by his tirade, for he replied, more amiably, Well, Matilda, I guess you must think the Lord expects me and Stevey to get out and cradle five hundred acres in the harvest fortnight. He smiled at his wife and son.

Young Stephen had been awaiting the improvement in his father's mood, and now he spoke, as if uttering a mere fancy, Father, if I can get that wheat cut and bunched ready to shock as soon as any wheat in the county, will you give me and Alice enough to go back to school with this winter?

The father had raised his hand to his "best ear" in the manner of chronic deafness; now that hand was thrust out angrily. The reference to his daughter galled him, for he had always meant to give her "the best of everything," and now his own little Alice was helping him. During the school vacation she had gone to work in Weld's dairy.

Enough to go to school with! the farmer cried. I'd give you a clean thousand dollars—not that it's worth that—but I'd be safe in saying ten thousand. What do you want to talk such nonsense for? I declare, the way you've been dreaming and mooning round lately is discouraging, and now you talk about getting that grain cut! You're getting worse and worse! and with a most sour and hopeless expression, Mr. Webster looked out over the field.

I just asked in case anything should turn up, said Stephen, quietly!

Turn up! Things don't turn up unless people turn 'em up! I'm going to bed rather than waste time talking such foolishness.

Stephen waited till his mother went, too, and then, hurrying to the barn, he mounted one of the two horses, and galloped down to Weld's.

Is that you, Steve? A gentle yet tired voice asked the question as he dismounted.

Yes, Alice. I've come to bring you good news, and Stephen led his horse up under the trees by the gate where his sister stood.

Splendid! Tell me quick!

I received a letter to-day from the Prairie Queen people—they make binders, you know,—and they are going to let me manage their binders in a field trial.

Is that all? I don't see how that is going to do much good.

Wait till I tell you. You see, there are eight different kinds of binders for sale in Sanford, each by a different firm. The Prairie Queen makes nine. If I succeed in getting up the field trial, no one will dare to stay out. The contest will have to be on our farm, because we are only two miles out of Sanford; and besides, we have the largest and best and most forward field of wheat all in one piece for miles round. Well, each agency always sends two machines, so that in case one breaks down, the other can still fight. Fancy eighteen binders going round that field of ours at once! There isn't a machine that can't cut twenty acres a day in such even wheat, and by night there will be at least three hundred and sixty acres harvested. The other hundred and forty you and I and father can harvest in three days with the Prairie Queen and our old binder. We'll get another team some day. Now for the milk in the cocoanut! Father says that if I save the wheat he will give me a thousand dollars.

Alice's eyes grew luminous as Stephen unfolded his plan.

Oh, you dear, wonderful brother! she cried. And now you can go to college and I to normal school, and I shall not have to work out any more during vacations. And best of all, father will be saved.

But then a sudden change came over her. But Frank sells the Vibrator binders, she said, tremulously.

A frown gathered on Stephen's sun-browned face. Well, what of it? he asked.

Why—he—if he shouldn't win, he would feel dreadfully; and then, of course, he couldn't sell so many machines, either, said Alice.

Alice, said Stephen, I do not like Frank Crowbeach. I have nothing particular against him, but you are very young, and I think he ought to wait until you have had a chance to see men in other circumstances of life.

But, Steve, he is going to wait, and he says just what you do.

Well, anyway, our family interests must come first. If Crowbeach's machine is what he claims it to be, he need have no fear of letting it take its chances. As for selling machines, that is just the point. If the Prairie Queen wins, I shall sell a lot of machines myself, and then you and I will have a snug little sum, aside from anything father gives us.

Yes, I suppose so! sighed Alice, who would not be happy now until she could see Frank and have him allay the fears her fancy had conjured up. To be divided in her allegiance was misery to Alice.

Why, of course it is so, sissy, said Stephen, cheerily. And Frank is too sensible not to see it in the right light.

Well, sighed Alice, father will have his wheat cut, anyhow.

Of course, said Stephen; and that is the main thing. There, good night!

The weeks before harvest were full of activity for Stephen. He had to see influential farmers and induce them to put off buying binders until after the contest, and thus force reluctant dealers into it. He had to labor with the dealers themselves, and also arouse public interest.

He thought at first of concealing from the Sanford dealers the promise of the Prairie Queen people to send their machines to the contest, for the performances of the Prairie Queen were beyond rivalry—if its advertisements in the agricultural papers could be believed. But then Stephen reflected that such concealment would be treacherous, and so he boldly began by a challenge that the other dealers should compete against the Prairie Queen, although he felt justified in concealing the fact that he himself had been promised the agency.

The challenge worked to a charm, for the other dealers saw that nothing but the Prairie Queen would be sold about Sanford that fall if they did not meet it. Moreover, the dealers, being older and more experienced than young Stephen, were much alarmed by their new rival's advertisements.

Still, it took two weeks to secure the promises of the first three dealers. After that it was easy to get the next four, and agreeing only on condition that none of the dealers stay out. Only Frank Crowbeach held back

Day by day Stephen's anger increased against Frank Crowbeach. Why should he not promise to enter, or clearly refuse, instead of saying that he could not tell whether he would enter or not? Stephen was too proud to go to Frank and beg, although he had three times politely requested him to take part. If Frank should not enter the contest, other dealers might back out at the last moment,—so Stephen feared,—and then the five hundred acres of wheat would be lost; and for that loss the triumph of the Prairie Queen would be little compension.

The longer Frank held out, the more Stephen disliked him. To think that this young man, who was so dear to his sister, should be the one who was likely to ruin all his plans!

During this time Alice was also miserable, and it was not her brother who relieved her. She was swinging in the hammock one Saturday evening, after a hard day's work, apparently buried in thought. It was dusk, and she started up at the sound of buggy wheels.

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**KEEP 'PHONE CLEANSED**

The story that recent experiments found the germs of tuberculosis lurking in the mouthpiece of telephones may be believed. How many persons are there who make a practice of carefully wiping the mouthpiece before using a public telephone? Yet these telephones are used by thousands of persons of all sorts and with all sorts of complaints every week. Even the mouthpieces and receivers of home telephones should be given attention every day. A housewife not given to the cleanly habit will be astonished, not to say disgusted, to find what can be removed from the mouthpiece of her 'phone if she applies a damp white cloth.

**Home-made Linoleum**

A good strong linoleum may be made from old Brussels carpet that has not been worn through, says Popular Mechanics. Tack the carpet right side down on the floor, and then apply paint, giving it a large number of coats; the last few coats to be of the desired color, allowing each coat to dry well. If the paint begins to wear apply a fresh coat of paint. The effect of mosiac tile may be produced by dotting the last coat with different colors of paint.

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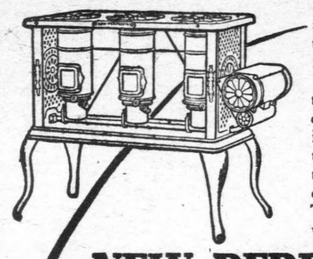

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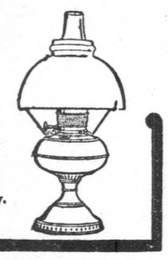

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